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AVIATORS FLIGHT LOG BOOK

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Frank Patrick Pealatti amn. 4c
1455 San Jacinto CV 430
Vn DIV.

AUG.

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
2	N2T1	32469	1.5	E	A/c LABOUFF
11	N2S3	07980	1.6	"	" JAHN
13	N2T1	32482	1.5	"	" FINK
26	N2T1		1.5	"	A/c WEGENER
27	N2T1		1.5	"	" FINK
Total time to date,					

Dec-1943

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FEB-1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
7	N253	07606	1.0	E	A/C. Cuddeback
11	..	4325	1.3 Meigel
11	..	07063	1.1 CARR
13	..	07406	1.6 ZABKA
Total time to date,					

April 1944

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
6	N2S-3	07642	1.3	E	A/c Colter
6	" 3	07364	1.3	E	" "
7	" 3	07356	1.3	E	" Barry
24	TBM	25123	1.0	FIXED GUN.	Ens. G. Bush
	TBM	25123	3.5	FIGHT SUB	Ens. G. Bush
Total time to date,					

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Captain Pilot Memorandum
					May 19 1944 to April 30 1945
					The battle history of the USS San Jacinto is unique. She has fought in more battles and steamed more miles in combat during the past year than any other CV. CVL. CVE. in the U.S. Fleet. Without interruption or respite she has fought continuously and continuously with either the Third or Fifth Fleet in every operation in the Pacific from the attacks on Marcus and Wake Islands in May 1944 through the assault and invasion of Okinawa, April 1945.
					Partial list of Campaign & Battle Caroline Islands
					Attack on Marcus & Wake - May 19 - 23 Detached from Group and proceed to position 450 miles from Tokyo to destroy picket boats - closest approach to Japan of any carrier group except The Doolittle Raid to that date.
					Total time to date,

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

attacks on Yap, Palau, Ulithi
July 25-27. In support of assault
and occupation of Palau and Ulithi:
attacks on Palau Sept 6-18.

Marianas Islands

In support of assault and occupation
of Guam, Saipan and Tinian:

attacks on Saipan June 11-July 16
First Battle of Philippine Sea June
19-20. attacks on Guam July 12-13
attacks on Bonin Islands, Aug. 4-5
attacks on Tinian August 6-20
attacks on Bonin Islands Aug 31-Sept. 3

Philippine Islands

In support ^{of} ~~and~~ assault and occu-
pation of Leyte:

attacks on Luzon, Okinawa, ~~Manila~~
photo and Formosa - Oct. 29-13
attacks Manila Bay area Oct 14-20

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Attack aircraft installation, Sept Oct 20-23					
Second Battle of Philippine Sea, attacks against force, Japanese Fleet, Oct 25-27					
attack aircraft installations on Sept Nov. 8-11					
attack on shipping Manila Bay Nov. 13-18					
In support of assault and occupation of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Luzon, Dec. 14-16					
Typhoon 18-23 Dec 1944					
Port, Ulithi 23-29 Dec.					
1945 campaigns H.G. 45					
In support of occupation and assault of Mindanao:					
attacks on aircraft installations on Formosa and Luzon Jan 3-9					
attacks on Saigon, Camranh Bay, French-Indo-China Jan 10-20					
attacks on Formosa, Okinawa, and Ie Shima Jan 21-22					
First attack on Tokyo, Japanese Empire Feb. 15-17					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Bonin Islands

In support of assault and occupation of Iwo Jima
attacks on Island of Iwo Jima Feb 19-22

Second attack on Tokyo, Japanese Empire Feb 25
attacks on Mansei Shoto Islands, Feb 27-Mar 1

Ryukyu Islands

In support of assault and occupation of Okinawa:
First attack on Kyushu and Kobe, Jap. Empire Mar. 18-21
continuous attacks of Ryukyu + Mansei Shoto Islands Mar 20-27

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Most worthy Activities MAY 1944 - APRIL 1945					
	Planes shot down				136
	enemy ships sunk				11
	Number of flights			1072	
	Sorties			9291	
	Strikes and Sweeps against enemies				2208
* C.A.P.	in direct support of amphibians			oper.	<div> <div>Sorties</div> <div>370</div> <div>Flights 40</div> </div>
C.A.P.	of over Task Force			Sorties	3539
				Flights	447
ASP	"	"	"	Flights	297
				Sorties	1202
				Sorties	142
Search and Recon	Flight.			Flight	14
				Flight	114
Training and Misc.				Sorties	1822
Enemy Planes shot down.				UNASSISTED	12
Landings					9393
Landings					9291
Fly aways					3,982
Catapult					5309
Miles steamed in combat area					118,219
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

EVENTS

4 VF 51 shooting down 7 Jap Bombs, 8 probable out of 10
 also Jap torpedo attack at evening got them all,
 Jap trying to land on our deck at night after 1st
 battle of Philpines Sea. Flying A.S.P. off carrier
 Jap dive bomber misses "Big E", shot down
 Jap dive bomber hits Franklin. Killed 4 men, shot down
 we turn away 2 with B.F.

Franklin takes near miss as flaming torpedo plane
 falls just across flight deck, we take 3 near
 misses from torpedo planes, can't figure how they
 missed - "Big E" takes near miss in one of the
 greatest all night Jap torpedo attacks Oct 3
 Franklin takes a suicide plane amid ship
 takes another near bomb miss and same
 plane crashes on Belleau Wood as she is
 launching planes, lot of men killed on both
 ships. "Big E" shoots wing off another, as
 we take two near misses off the beam.

The first battle of Philpines Sea
 when our planes had to land in dark
 Jap plane tried to land on our deck

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
<p>The second battle of the Philippine Sea as we shellacked Jap carriers and fleet. Our damn good torpedo spread got one carrier on that deal. Plastered shot down, rescued. Bunchart had wing tips shot off, Went had elevator aileron shot off, Towner loaded plane with hydraulic system and controls all shot up.</p> <p>Ticonderoga and Langley dive bombed. Ticon took a few suicide planes, really burned up. Langley took small bomb down officers quarters.</p> <p>Franklin again - took a couple of bombs as she was launching planes in the greatest carrier disaster of the war. the dive bombing attack we were under as we covered her retreat. Hancock near miss, hit cam, Bataan near miss. Wasp takes 1000 lbs in the mess hall.</p> <p>The typhoon we went through</p>					
<p>Total time to date, "Big E" near missed 3 times and one hit, either small bomb or 17 17 shell</p>					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	<i>Scissors & drill bomb - target</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>3 times</i>
<i>Ticonderoga</i>	
<i>Langley</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Belleau Wood</i>	
<i>"Big E"</i>	
<i>Bemington</i>	
<i>Hancock</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Wasp</i>	<i>1000</i>
<i>Intrepid</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sacramento</i>	
<i>Lynchburg</i>	
<i>rept. train</i>	
<i>Pandora</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Bataan</i>	
<i>Bunker Hill</i>	

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	Left the State April 14, arrived Pearl Harbor April 19. Went to Kaneohe Bay for G. C. 50 shutdown flights and plane turnups. Then one flight with Ens. Bush, pilot of the plane in plane captain of, on fixed gunnery run.
	Left Pearl for Myajuro 16, at 3. May 6, my birthday. 30 years old, "over." May 7-8 hit dateline lost May 7 May 9 hit Myajuro, anchor May 14 left for Myajuro and Wake. 1st Bombing May 14-18 just wondering May 17 May 18 Met two tankers May 18 Fueled. Left task force with 4 cans and one H.M. cruiser, San Diego May 19 Position about 600 miles from Tokyo. planes took off at 0630, search, no luck returned at 1630. planes up again at 1430 returned 1730, no luck, 3 more on last flight found Japs, bombers tomorrow.

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May 20					
- Plane up - bombed and strafed two Jap picket boats - left in sinking condition					
May 21					
- Regained task force - contacted Jap planes - no attack - 500 miles from Japan - closest ship so far in this war					
May 21					
- Raided Wake Island - bombed all day - ^{completes} first mission					
May 21 - 26					
- Back to Majuro safely					
May 26 - June 5					
- fuel and provisions					
June 6					
- Left Majuro with fleet					
June 7					
- Fleet split up in 4 groups -					
our group 58.3 - 16 cans, 5 BB and 4 carriers - San Jacinto - Princeton - Big E - and Lexington. Good group.					
June 10					
- Army B24 from Eniwetok shot down two Betlys, 75 and 100 miles from us.					
June 11					
- Attacked Saipan - our planes strafed and destroyed large number of airplanes. Other force planes shot down 6 Japs.					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
June 12 D-4	Japs overhead all night - know our position - dropped flares, night like day - no attack. Our planes hit Saipan all day - gave it hell. Lost one plane and pilot - m/c Elmer
June 13 D-3	Big day - Planes hit ^{all day} down to dusk. Bombed and strafed the barracks, railroads, truck company, and coastal guns. Sunk 11 ships of reinforcement convoy headed for island. Got a cruiser and 5 cons coming out of harbor. Strafing the city. Battle wagons started bombarding this afternoon hit sugar refineries, the town and everything in general. 8 of our planes on C. H. P. ran across six Jap sampans - sunk them. (4 TBM - 4 F6)
June 14 D-2	Raided Rota in morning - Saipan afternoon
June 15 D+DAY	Marines invaded Saipan at 0800
Our ^(4 planes) C. H. P.	shot down 8 of 10 Jap Torijis.
	We were under Jap torpedo plane attack at evening - splashed 6 Bettys - some fireworks. not scored, but sure got ^{a lot of reputation} out of it.

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
+ June 16	- Raided Guam - our planes shot up by A.A. fire - 2 knocked down - saved the pilots.				
+ June 17	- Left Saipan area - look for Jap Fleet				
+ June 18	- We shot down 2 Japs today. My pilot hit the drink just off our starboard bow when plane hit an oil leak - nice water landing - pilot and crewman, Delany and Madew, okay.				
+ June 19	- Large groups of Jap planes trying to get in. all carriers have all possible fighters in air - some got in but not out - Big E took a direct bomber miss - we helped explode Jap. altogether a record 407 Jap planes shot down Jap Fleet scattered - took after them - Skipper Melvin of VT-51 and Ens Guy of VT-51 took off from our ship. Skipper Lt. Com. Melvin got a can and Ens. Guy put his eggs on a carrier - dam good work. - Planes came in after dark. Ens. Guy landed okay - The Skipper was cut out by plane that crashed on deck. He made a water landing - picked up okay.				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
continued June 19	- a lot of planes hit the drink that night - cars were picking them up all night. - F.M.M. 7/6 Frye and I are working on the hangar deck pulling a check on an F6 while planes were trying to land when some guys said that a Jap tried to land on our carrier - couldn't recognize him till he got a wave off - red meat balls on wings and fuel. - good thing he wasn't a yoji.
June 20	- chased Jap flat some more - fired planes etc.
June 21	- same as yesterday and flew ^{C.F.P.} H.S.P.
June 22	- Our C.F.P. shot down 1 Jap
June 23	- " " " " 2 "
June 24	- Back at Saipan - support invasion
June 25	- Japs bombed our forces at Saipan as we bombed Guam today.
June 26	- hit Guam again I flew H.S.P.
June 27	- hit Guam with 2000 lbs - night fighters shot down 1 Jap. - Steinbeck flew on this strike with Cus. Bush

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June 28-					Hit Guam again - Big "E" night fighters got 3 Japs last night
June 29 -					Our C.F.P. splashed 1 Jap as we bombed Guam
June 30 -					Guam gets it again. got another TBM off Bellman Wood
July 1		"	"	"	"
July 2					Hit Guam again and also picked up one of our pilots who was shot down before - spent 17 days in life raft.
July 3 -					Guam again
July 4 -					Independence Day - Bombed Guam in morning - Pots in afternoon.
July 5					We Flew HSR + E.F.P.
July 6					dropped incendiaries on Guam, really burnt the town.
July 7 - 8 - 9					arrived at Eniwetok after 33 days sea
July 14 -					Left Eniwetok at 1430
July 20 -					eclipse of the sun - pretty nice.
July 21 -					D-Day - Army invades Guam. We bombed Guam
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 22-23-24	Nice weather as we cruise west
July 25 -	Bombed Palau. St. Houlo and crew lost as plane shot down - Hit water and was strafed
July 26 -	Strafed and bombed Palau 4 times today
July 27 -	Lost one plane - shot down
July 28 -	bombed Palau again
July 29-30	cruise back - hot.
July 31	anchored off ^{Saipan} Palau - lost ⁵ on anchor pool
August 1	Wagons, cruises and cans shelled Tinian all night - Tinian about 3 mi from us
Aug. 2	left Saipan at 1545
Aug 3	Took Tinian today - good deal.
Aug 3 rd	cruise north - little rough - our fighters raided Chichi Jima + Iwo Jima in the Bonin Island group
Aug 5	fighters hit Chichi Jima again head back to Eniwetok
Aug 9	arrived Eniwetok at 1100 lost ⁵ on anchor pool
Aug 28	left Eniwetok 0530 after spending 19 days provisioning fueling and also got a new TBM - sure a hot iron.

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Aug 29 -					Headed north a little cooler here
Sept 2 -					Bombed Iwo Jima and Chicki Jima 4 times today.
Sept 3 -					Same as yesterday - my pilot was shot up and hit the silk at 5000 ft plane was burning - Radio man 3/c Delaney and Lt J. G. White, photo officer, went down with the plane. Pilot and hit his head on tail as he left plane, ripped his chute but made it down into the drink safely picked up by submarine - spent
Sept 4 -					arrived Saipan at 1500. lost ^{anchor} 3 on pool
Sept 5 -					left Saipan at 1400
Sept 6 -					cruising
Sept 7 -					Hit Yap 4 times today.
Sept 8 - 9 -					going west.
Sept 10 -					Hit Palau once
Sept 11 -					" "
Sept 12 -					cruising - another force hit Philippines and sunk convoy of 53 ships - The way it should be done
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Sept 13 -	Baided Palau
Sept 14 -	" "
Sept 15 D-DAY	Marines invade Palau ⁰⁸⁰⁰ as we cover landings - Left the waters and crew
Sept 16-17-18-19	Standing by for support on landings then head south
Sept 20 -	crossed the equator at 1220
Sept 21 -	arrive at Manis Island in the admiralty group at 1630
Sept 22	-
Sept 23	Eddie Peabody on board tonight didn't see him.
Sept 24	Get underway at 0930 - I'm now a shellback - good initiation

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Goehring Pump

SEPT. 3rd

BUSH'S PLANE SHOT, HE

LANDED IN OCEAN,

INJURED

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Oct 8 -	Impec	3 task groups -	96 ships -		
Oct 9 -	B-24	got a Betty in front of us -	Mow in 3 rd		
		Fleet - our group 38.3 -	4 groups		
Oct 10 -	Hit	11/ansie Kto Islands -	sunk 6000 tons		
		of Jap shipping -	left area at night.		
Oct 11 -	Fueled	today			
Oct 12 -	cruising	hot waters			
Friday					
Oct 13 -	Heading	North west. Hitting	at Formosa -		
		shot down a few	Jap planes.		
Oct 14 -	Large	groups of Jap torpedo	planes		
	hit at	the 4 task forces starting	late		
	in	afternoon and all through	the night.		
	We	shot down two	torpedo planes		
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

that jammed near got us, one just off our fantail the other off our bow. Close and the word the fish must have went under us. Another Jap just crashed over our deck. The Franklin jammed near took a "flamer" on her deck - possibly might have scratched her. Big "E" got a close one. About eight Japs were shot down in a few minutes. To close for comfort, Capt. Mike Hernade took over command of ship relieving Capt Martin on this day-out.

Oct 15 - Jap dive bomber attacks Franklin hit - 3 or 4 men killed - no serious damage, operational - 70-80 Jap planes coming out to us. Our task group fighters - saved our neck - Our fighters got 9.

Oct 16 - * Shagged our way out to fuel our flyers strafed the deck of landing area
Oct 17 - Our C.A.P. shot down two planes

Oct 18 - Our C.A.P. " " one Judy
* 2 men killed and 28 injured

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Oct 19-				Heading south	
Oct 20-				PDAY - invading Leyte - we are covering the landings.	
Oct 21-				Fuelled	
Oct 22				keeping a look out for Japs	
Oct 23 -				Sighted part of Jap fleet off northern Luzon and are going top speed that way	
Oct 24 -				Just like a game of chess - trying to get a good spot for attack.	
Oct 25 -				Sighted Jap fleet at 10:00 and attacked. came back, loaded up, and went back again. Lost 2 planes on second attack but saved the one fighter pilot and torpedo pilot and crew. With the crewman, saved his pilots and radio man's life by pulling them both out of the plane, while in the water. We sank 4 Jap carriers, 2 cruisers, a few cons etc. The USS Princeton was sunk off Leyte, covering the invasion. Our BB. went south to help the other 2 ^d fleet	
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Oct 26 -	Refueled - feel good
Oct 28 -	A plane sank a sub. ^{Jap}
Oct - 29 -	Jap losses for the 2 nd Battle of the Philippines sea was - 4 carriers - 1 midget 1 probab - 6 heavy cruisers - 3 light cruisers - 3 small cruisers or large cans - 6 cans. Our losses were - The Princeton CVL - 2 C.V.E. St. Lo, Bittern Bay - 2 cans - 1 D.E.
Oct 30 -	about 25-30 Japs out to get us today - C.I.P. got all but 5 of them and they jammed near got us - First time under suicide pilots attack, Kamakazi they call it, we call them "yogi boys" - Seen Franklin get hit and take a near miss by another who then crashed down on the Bellaw Woods - one of them dove on the Big "E" and between the "E" and us, shot it down, Two of them then came down on us -

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<p>one from the starboard stern, but crashed about 5 yards off port bow - the other came in from starboard bow and crashed off port bow just missed us. Jap planes and pilots all over the flight deck - worked them off with firehose - Franklin and Bullard Wood have casualties - not operational - head for port. This kind of attack scared hell out of me, you can't find a safe place on any ship.</p>					
Nov. 1	arrived at Rethi				
Nov 5	underway at 1600				
Nov 6	Heading N. W.				
Nov 7	" "				
Nov 8	Bombed Manila Harbor in morning				
	" " " " in afternoon				
Note	Picked up ^{my} pilot Ens. Bark who was shot down at Ima Jima. quite a story - spent 30 days on sub - was on it when sub.				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	attacked Jap convoy - bombed and depth charged - made it back to Pearl Key
	He looks good - earned submarine dolphin.
Nov. 9 - 22	Helped support invasion of Leyte - Philippines - bombing or strafing etc
Nov. 22	arrived at Nflithi
Nov 23 - 28	provisioned ships
Nov. 29	Underway at 0530 - headed for Guam
Nov. 30	arrived at Guam - air group 51
	was relieved by air group 45 - under- way at 1500
Dec 1 - Dec 8	This operation was patrol duty and training exercises for the new air group - weather getting colder and rough - back to Nflithi
Dec 11 -	underway at 0800
Dec 12 -	N. W.
Dec 13 -	bombed Luzon
Dec 14 -	fighters rocket Luzon
Dec 15 -	" " "
Dec 16 -	" " "

Goehring Pump

NOV. 8th

"PICKED UP MY PILOT."

Dec 10 -

Date	Type of Machine	Number of Machine	Duration of Flight	Character of Flight	Pilot
Dec 17	-				fueled today. foul weather
Dec 18	-				In a typhoon - ships heels to about 40 degrees - fighter broke loose on hangar deck, breasting the T.B.M. loose - one hell of a mess - planes all smashed - hangar deck a mess - good thing no gas in planes - fire on hangar deck - 50 caliber ammo. set off by fire. - everything on bulk heads broke loose, engines, mounts, ropes, tool boxes - engines rolled out of roller curtain. Mycek's plane, or rather the cockpit, that's all that's left of it, is in the elevator pit. 7 T.B.M.'s and one fighter smashed.
Dec 19 - 20					clearing out hangar deck
Dec 21 - 29					arrived at Kithi - repair damages
Xmas Day					Had a ^{12 M.} 4-8 firewatch - hours for breakfast, lunch and supper - everybody working like hell to get ship fixed. Hell of a Xmas, tired
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	got an old TBM 1c ("the unlimited", P.G. 81)
Dec 30	Ship fired underway at 0800
Dec 31	cruising north
Jan 1	New Year Day - same as yesterday
Jan 2	fuelled ship.
Jan 3	Planes off at dawn to bomb, strafe and rocket Formosa
Jan 4	same as yesterday
Jan 5	fuelled ship
Jan 6	planes off at dawn - hit airfield on Luzon - afternoon strikes canceled - ^{foul} weather
Jan 7	same as yesterday
Jan 8	fuelled ships foul weather
Jan 9	army invaded Luzon as we bombed Formosa from morning till night.
Jan 10	Went into China Sea looking for Jap fleet - may be at Camrube Bay in French Indo China, at Haïnan or Hong Kong. First thing I saw in China ^{a floating Betty} leaving morning
Jan 11	fuelled ship on way to French- Indo-China.

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Jan 12					
- loaded + 13 M ¹ with fish - hit Camrahn Bay - no fleet - sunk 22 ships, tankers, freighters etc. Torpedo pilot, Lambros and crew made a forced landing in French-Indo-China - picked up by Free French - all okay					
Jan 13					
- fueled today - weather still lousy					
Jan 14					
- strikes on Canton, Hong Kong, other places sunk a lot of ships ^{12 planes lost and damaged due to heavy swells - planes over the side.}					
Jan 15					
- same as yesterday - no planes lost					
Jan 16					
- lousy weather - no operations					
Jan 17					
" " " "					
Jan 18					
- came out of China Sea					
Jan 19					
- strikes on Formosa and we are splashing a lot of Japs ferrying planes from Formosa to Luzon.					
Jan 20					
The same thing as yesterday					
Jan 21					
Hit Formosa again this time the Japs got our number - a half dozen got by our C.F.P. and one of them bombed the Langley, exploded below decks - 2 of them					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	suicide boats crashed the Ticonderoga and raised general hell. Seen the second one hit. Don't think I'll ever get used to these guys. Splashed the rest of them.
Jan 22 -	Fueled today -
Jan 23 -	New Group - Bombed Ofcinawu knocked hell out of town with 500 lb + 2000 lb bombs
Jan 24	Fueled again.
Jan 25	arrive of kithi - lost 5 on anchor pool
Feb Jan 26 - Feb 10	provision ships + crew.
Feb 10	under way 0730
Feb 11	heading north -
Feb 12	" " 3 years in Navy
Feb 13	fueled ships
Feb 14	gunnery exercises - expect something
Feb 15	something big coming up - Tokyo?
Feb 16	Fighters and bombers off, Tokyo airfields and aircraft plants - hit them hard
	Our fighters shot down 32 Japs - we lost one plane and pilot.

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Feb 17	fighters hit airfields again - no air opposition - destroyed large number of planes on ground - weather to foul for T.B.M.				
Feb 18	Heading S.E.				
Feb 18	D-DAY - Marines invade Iwo Jima, our planes covering landing - rough going over there Japs well over us most of night - put out smoke screen - Missourii splashed one.				
Feb 20	fueled ship - Saratoga takes 4 'rogies'				
Feb 21	Hit Iwo Jima all day - hard targets - Japs overhead again last night				
Feb 22	Same as yesterday lost one plane and pilot, another one hit the drink, saved.				
Feb. 23	fueled again				
Feb 24	Heading N.W. lousy weather				
Feb 25	Tokyo again - weather lousy - fighters got in - destroyed hangars and planes on ground T.B.M. ² jetted and bombed - afternoon strikes canceled				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Feb. 26	Heading S. E.
Feb 27	Fueled again
28	Heading N.W.
Mar 1 Feb	Fighters and bombers hit Okinawa all day long
Mar 2	Hit Amami Oshima
Mar 3.	Fueled ship
Mar 4 arrived	arrived Ylithi
Mar 5	alongside repair ship to fix stacks that were rammed by tanker
Mar 6	Tex & campers gone to states
Mar 12	writing letters on my bunk this evening about 2000 - the rest of the evening at the movies on hangar deck General alarm goes off - come topside and find the Pandolf on fire - a twin engine suicide bomber flew right over us and crashed on the flight deck of the Pandolf. O.C. Kill the fire and we go back to movies and letter writing

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Mar 14 -	Left Rethi -	Hit Yap with napalm bombs -	figure planes came from there that hit Ran.		
Mar 15 -	going North				
Mar 16 -	Fueled ship				
Mar 17 -	still going North.				
Mar. 18.	Hit Kyushu -	Lot of damage -	airfields, hangars, planes on ground		
	We had about 5 general alarms		that bogey hell is getting on our nerves.		
Mar 19	Head north and hit Kobe,	shipping in the harbor - we hit one	C.V. of theirs and sank it - also an in-		
	completed C.V. damaging it badly.				
	Had 3 general alarms. But the pay off				
	came after we just secured from B. F.				
	a silver Jap plane slipped in and				
	dropped a bomb on the Franklin				
	as she was launching planes. Our				
	gunners just got in about 4 shots				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

The Franklin burned and exploded
for hours after that but did not
sink - don't ^{know} why it didn't. A cruiser
has it under tow and we can expect
more japs.

May 20 Our group is staying
around to cover the Franklin -
a large group of japs are heading
out towards us and about 6 get
through over C. 17 P. and then the
fun begins. I see this one ~~boat~~
point his nose down from 12000
feet and head for the Hancock
and a con next to her - he was hit
before he got all the way down -
landed between the two ships - set the
con's smoke screen off - light damage,
the Bataan took a near miss - sprung
her plates, not bad - Big "E" took
3 dive bombers misses but was

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<p>hit by one of our ships 5" shells - set her afire - but she put it out shortly. The Big "E" is a good ship. These Japs were not suicide boys and were about the best we ran across. The ships knocked down 4 out of the six and also a pilot off the Bataan, who was right on the tail of a Jap who was coming in - lost the plane but saved the pilot - that guy had a lot of guts. We were under attack at night also but no damage. Heard the Wasp get hit by a 1000 lb bomb on the 3rd deck.</p>					
<p>Mar 21 Nothing happened in the morning. C. A. P. duty. - General alarm in afternoon. Twin engine bomber had his sights on us dropped a bomb - fell between us and can - strof, hit 2 fellows, not bad - that was a "pick", and he was moaning.</p>					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
Mar 22	Fueled today - Big "E" - "Big Ben" the Wasp and Bataan left for repairs and we still carry on - guess we will have to be hit before we go back, even to Guam.
Mar 23	Hit Okinawa in afternoon splashed one Jap
Mar 24	Strikes over Okinawa again had 2 General Alouin - nothing doing sunk a Jap convoy 3 cans 3 freighters splashed another Jap
Mar 25	Hit them again and had general quarters sounded near all day
Mar 26	Fueled today - bombs and stores also
Mar 27	Back again - 2 D. Q ^s lost night
Mar 28	Joined the islands again had D. Q. - C. H. P. splashed 4 Japs in morning - Report of Jap fleet up north - Planes took off - just a few cans and cargo ships - Planes came back at night - one fighter went through barrier

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					and smashed into a group of T.B.M.'s were doing four that we threw over the side - and also injuring two men badly. Don Horne has both legs broke and Wominey has a lacerations of the face and head - rainy weather. rugged duty. Mar 29 have four T.B.M.'s off the Belleau Wood also.
Mar 29					- hit southern part of Ryushe - rough going
Mar 30					Fueled today and took aboard some tin fish to replace the ones we put in gas ships.
Mar 31					- Hit Okinawa today - 17 17 fire pretty heavy - planes shot up. Lost one T.B.M. and crew also one fighter.
Apr 1					May be April Fools Day somewhere but its D-DAY here for the landings on Okinawa and nobody's fooling today. We cover the waterfront - strike
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

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and bomb all day long

apr 2 - Hit the island all day long

had one general alarm - nothing doing

april 3 Went south to receive the British

Fleet at ^{the} Sakashima Islands while
they fuelled - had 2 general alarms, no Japs
got in to us. Lost one T.B.M. and crew
on this strike. Last 4 days we have lost

4 aircrewman and 3 pilots - tough going

april 4 Had a nervous day today -
general alarm most of day - Cunningham
was just missed by a suicide plane -

Bellevue Wood shot one down and will

take the cake today - had 4 of them

suicide ~~torpedo~~ planes come in on us

our gunners got 3 and a cruiser got

the other just before he could get in

to us. Parts and pieces of Jap and planes

all over the flight deck - no damage

to ship, but one gunner killed by flock

from Jap bomb as he hit water off bow

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April 7 -					
Planes took off loaded on report of that part of Jap fleet was out - it was - sank the Yamato, 45,000 ton wagon, 2 cruisers, 3 cans. - had 4 general alarms, 2 planes got in to us and were splashed - Our C.F.P. splashed 3 Japs today gives them a total of 29 1/2 planes for the last 2 days Cabot is on the way back - recalled - flew back again					
April 8 -					
Fueled - ammo and bombs also					
April 9 -					
C.F.P. over target, Okuma					
April 10 -					
" " " "					
April 11 -					
fueled - ammo, bombs and chow					
April 12 -					
Some day - C.F.P. all day - general alarm practically all day - 2 bogeys got and were shot down - one almost hit a wagon bogeys overhead all night - planes dropped - night fighter splashed Betty					
April 13					
kind of easy day - C.F.P.					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
April 14	C.F.P. all day - general alarm
Twice -	2 Japs got in and were shot down - kept coming in and out all day - 2 cans were hit - took force planes shot down plenty
April 15 -	C.A.P. all day again - fighter sweeps over airfields on Kyushu shot up a lot of planes on ground
April 16	general alarm at 2300 to 0130
"	" " 0500 to 0630
"	" " 0830 to 1100
"	" " 1215 to 1600
"	" " 1830 to 2200
"	" " 2330 to 0100
	We damaged near got it at noon from a dive bomber but didn't release his bomb, look like he was going to make another run on us but cruiser shot him down after we hit him. We started firing first. I was crapped out on the hangar deck

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<u>cont.</u>					
					Our air group shot down 14 planes We were lucky to get out of that torped. attack last night, more flak and flares flying around - Heard the Intrepid was hit yesterday
april May 17					Fueled today - the Intrepid joined us last night, - headed for repairs, not to head.
april 18					Striking at Okinawa
april 19					" " " " " "
april 20					Striking Amami Oshima
april 21					Striking Minami Ogasari - and then at evening watch the cans pull close to shore and shell the island - then twin barreled cans can really throw the lead.
april 22					Fueled again
april 23					Hit Okinawa
april 24					Bad weather - nothing doing
april 25					Hit Okinawa
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
April 26	Fueled ship - Tally back to tally
April 27	C. H. P. over the Island
April 28	" " " "
April 29	" " " "
April 30 P. S. lost 45 on anchor pool	arrived at Nthi after 48 days at sea - rugged journey
May 1 - May 8	Got rid of our air group 45 and took on air group 49 - provisioned ship and it took all hands long hours to get stocked up again, we were out of every thing. Head out again to break in new squadron
May 6 - ^{my} birthday 31 years	Still training squadron
May 8 - 11	fueled today and looks like we are ready for another cruise. Been out 13 months don't know how long we will stay out. My plane has 35 strikes on it - 2nd oldest plane on ship, Meeker got the oldest 44 strikes

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May 13	<p>Squadron on first full mission Hit Kyushu airfields - 2 strikes caught planes on ground - bogeys on screen this morning - C.F.P. splashed 1 mynt - same force - Dennington, Hornet, Belleau Wood, San Jac. - Hornet is one hot operating carrier -</p>				
May 14	<p>Had G. H. last night - slept in plane also had G. H. in morning couple of times Japs around all morning, some in afternoon. - splashed one Jap who was coming down on San Jac, think cruise as B.O. got him, though our guns were on him to. - B.B. splashed one going in on Hornet, really blew up. V planes bombed the Kyushu Islands, also Haruku, all day.</p>				
May 15	<p>14 May 15 } fueled today, also ammo and ordnance 372 dead } Meeker traded his plane for new 200 injured } job, had 47 strikes on it, tops on</p>				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
	this carrier so far. Still have mine, 39 sticks so far may get up to him yet. no statement today.
May 16	Still fueling, C.F.P., gunnery my plane towed target - destination unknown so far
May 17	easy day - no bags - our planes flew C.F.P. over force, while Hornet, Bennington and Bellam Wood's planes covered invasion of Island X Okinawa
May 18	Same as yesterday.
May 19	Bombed some island by Okinawa T.B.M. in morning + fighters morning and afternoon
May 20	Fuel ship - gunnery practice my plane towed target - ok.
May 21	Bombed Kikai twice

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May 22	Bombed Kikai once with FBM fighters all day. Two fighters collided, 1 pilot saved				
May 23	Bombed some island and then went after a gap composed of 12 troop ships with escorts and sank the mokes, sonar was headed for Okinawa				
24	fighter sweep over Kyushu strafed Betty on ground that had bug bomb on it. We were 2 miles from Okinawa saw ships & shells beach early in morning				
May 25	Flw C.F.P. over Kyushu - VF 49 shot down their first planes today a Zek and a Myrt, one other got away, scumder of food in on it. G.P. once, foul weather. "Big E" hit				
May 26	strike on Okinawa, called back on account of weather - other carrier bombed in late afternoon				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
May 27	Fuel today, plane towed target alters from fields. Ellis, Ellen and sister.
May 28	Bombed Okinawa this morning not much left to bomb, plane was steadily, damn it, don't think I'll beat Mucker record of 47 strikes, have 43 so far, think they will trade plane for new one. Beat Mucker towing the line with 50 d pieces. also had G. Q. this morning.
May 29	Nothing doing today, planes flew C.F.P. over Okinawa.
May 30	Memorial Day - Good show today, flew C.F.P. over target scuttlebutt that we are gaining north.

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May 31	-	Fueled ship,	arm and provision		
June 1	-	Hit Okinawa,	our planes landed		
		there and flew support for Marines -			
		Tex's plane picked up ^{bullet} flak hole in			
		port wing, mine got flak hole in			
		starboard wing, also landed aboard			
		with one home "5000" that didn't release			
June 2		Hit island north of Okinawa known			
		as "Flak alley". torpedos 5 and 7			
		shot up head, radio man in 7			
		hit hurt bad with direct hit, will			
		recover - #5 has to be treated in			
		structural weakness - have 45 strikes			
		on mine so far.			
June 3		Booked some island as yesterday, bogey on			
		screen, faded, second strike cancelled on			
		account of weather, foul			
June 4		rig for rough weather - possible typhoon			
June 5		Hit typhoon last night - center of it			
		at 0000 this morning - really pitching			
Total time to date,					

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and rolling, lasted most of day, and got
late this afternoon - one + BMA flipped over
on its back by the 80 to 100 mile an hour
wind damaged another - the Harriet and
Bennington have the extreme ~~port~~ forward
port of flight deck smashed down over
bow - the Belleau Wood's planes on the
hangar deck broke loose and busted the
hangar deck apart; just like ours last
December. - We just had the two planes
damaged, and stopped for parts, the
only damage to talk of, so that leaves
the San Jacinto the only fully operating
carrier in this group - we can
handle ourselves in these typhoons now
it being our fourth major ~~trials~~
besides two minor ones - rough day

June 6 Finished fueling - our planes
flew 3 C.F.P. hops and one search
hop of 4 + BMA for survivors of

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<p>a sub chaser lost in the typhoon, no sight of them - Hornet, Sumner & Bellamy had cleaned up their damage and launched planes late in afternoon - Hornet tried a new way in launching her planes launching from the bow off the stern, the reverse way and was successful.</p>					
<p>June 7 - Bon Hon Richard joined us last night simulated attacks and C.A.P. also a search group of 5 T.B.A.³ + 5 V.F. no luck Johnny giving me a hard time about getting out of pack in morning & night.</p>					
<p>June 8 - Big raid on Kaseya, on Ryukyu, hit airfield and installations, destroyed planes on the ground. Better Jap planes and pilots are engaged in fights now - Jacks & Georges.</p>					
<p>June 9 - Flew C.A.P. in morning with torpedo planes bombing the corner of Okinawa</p>					
Total time to date,					

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in the afternoon - have 47 missions on my plane now, tied Mucker's mark, may strike tomorrow, I hope.

Bennington
June 10 - headed for port and repairs
Hit Okaido Ito Island
results unknown also had

June 11 - 3 fighters tops of C.H.P. + strike
a couple of C.H.P. tops and
simulated torpedo attack - gunnery
practice, heading for port

June 12 a couple of C.H.P. tops today
sent my plane to the Hornet
for another one in exchange, had
300 hrs on it, 49 strikes tops
on her so far but think "Jaguar"
will beat it with his next
operation. still heading for port

June 13 In port, supposedly Leyte Gulf,
didn't do much today.

June 14 Laying in Port. Leyte or Samar
June 15 Went on a beer party on

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					<p>Samar, rained all afternoon, got 2 cans of beer, rationed - Saw a few Philippine women, the first woman I've seen since April 1944.</p> <p>Hotter day, met as I ever got.</p>
June 16					<p>Still loyng around and feel lazy - uncertain feeling as to whether we are going back or not.</p>
June 17					<p>Question of going back to states settled. Practically all hands turned to on provisioning ship for the "last operation" so called "last operation" never does seem to be the last one.</p> <p>Letter from Mr. Ralph in Army.</p>
June 18					<p>Loading ship letter from Hilda - mailed picture home.</p>
June 19					<p>Beer party today - 2 ^{N.S.} cans - hot day. Harriet gone back today - Essex and us should go back next.</p>
June 20					<p>Post rations</p>
Total time to date,					

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June 21	Still port
June 22	Still in port ship paint
June 23	Cinema declared officially mor- went to beach on beach party came back feeling swell on. Weeks Bourke, Stockton, Luker and Lichenberger went over the hill seen Luker and Stockton at the beach today. Bourke swiped a couple of 38's and ammunition and gone for good the rest will probably come back before we sail Nothing much doing, turn up planes full passengers
June 24	
June 25	Wata ship, 11 pecker over on beach trying to get me some to shell necklaces. Sure funny but these Filipino girls look okay after not seeing any girls for over a year

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JUN 26	In port - preparing to ship in the morning - not much doing - no mail				
JUN 27	Went out on simulated attacks and gunnery practice - a fighter plane coming in for a landing took a wave off but hooked a wire and went over the side, pilot got out of plane while it was dropping in the water and pulled him back aboard with a rope line, not hurt, wrecked the catwalk and 40 ^{mm} gun and mount pulled back into port for repairs anchored at 1830. No mail				
JUN 28	Still in port - watch tonight - letter from Frank & Emma				
JUN 29	Made liberty on Samar, beer party, 3 cons rained like hell - no mail.				
JUN 30	Still in port - Haymer F.C. 2k got hold of a live bird while working on gun mount #8 and electrocuted. Buried on Leyte, American Cemetery				
Total time to date,					

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July 1	Pulled out of port at 0530 so far today just gunnery.
July 2	training flights and gunnery practice on screens.
July 3	same as yesterday - I got a bad cold today.
July 4	Independence Day - all day gunnery practice, got 2 drone planes - one C.H.P. boys.
July 5	still cruising around and gunnery and plane practice.
July 6	Landed a F4U the only one ever to land on here otherwise same as yesterday
July 7	same as yesterday
July 8	Reveille at 0230 this morning, has been 0330 for the past few days. Fleeted today, and took on one replacement F6F also got some mail. Oh boy, my sugar report was great!

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July 9	-	90	hops today on gunnery practice.		
			Three o'clock rehearsal this morning		
			tomorrow we start striking		
			the northern part of Japan,		
			Honshu and Hokkaido Islands.		
			It looks like a rugged operation.		
			Foul weather all day today.		
			Our group consists of the		
			Bennington, Lexington, Hancock,		
			Bellau Woods and ourselves, the		
			San Jacinto. Bennington flies by		
July 10			Reveler at 02.55, first hop at		
			0400 for strafing attack on air-		
			fields north of Tokyo, T.B.M. made		
			two strikes during day, the whole		
			group sent every plane over twice.		
			no F.F. fire or air opposition		
			our target. We were 100 miles from		
			Jap mainland - general quarters all		
			day - no baggy		
Total time to date,					

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July 11

Pulled away last night - about
300 miles from Tokyo - had some
gunnery practice - we had
reveille at 02.55 this morning
Had an 8 to 12 watch last night

July 12

Fuel ship gunnery practice
Had reveille at 02.55 ~~PM~~

July 13

Head north tonight - Hit Hakekaido
Foul weather, high winds,
heavy seas, driving rain.
no flight at all, only a
couple hundred miles from
Hakekaido, had one general
alarm, it was a weather
phenomenon. Had reveille
at 02.30. still staying around
there were submarines, japs,
all around us yesterday.

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July 14	<p>- Hit the northern tip of Honshu with battle wagons and planes, also hit Hokkaido. The B.B. boomed off a big steel mill and harbor installations, raised hell in general. Some of our fighters flew C.H.P. over the B.B. while others blasted railroads and a couple of trains. Hit them with bombs, rockets and ammo. Cold weather in morning, one strike called back. Benellie at 02.30. Splashed two Betty's. No air opposition.</p>				
July 15	<p>Hit up and down Japan all day - B.B. cruisers and tri cons shelled the beach also. Cold weather, heavy swells, ship rolling and pitching heavily, good luck with the planes only one barrier crash. The water is green colored around her. Benellie at 02.30 this morning.</p>				
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS	REMARKS
July 16-45	<p>we fueled today and flew two 8 plane C.A.P. - was supposed to have happily routine. But as perceived they kept us! PLANE CAPTAINS doing something most of the time. Had turkey for dinner. why I don't know. The son for got another well done from the Chief of Staff. ^{Penelle} at 02.50 }</p>
July 17-45	<p>We were supposed to hit a harbor north of Tokyo, but hops cancelled due to foul weather. Had the British Fleet with us this time. Saw 4 groups. Try again tomorrow, ^{Penelle} at 02.30</p>
July 18-45	<p>Hit Tokyo and vicinity, tried to sink a B.B. - under repair results uncertain, no air opposition so far, were flying</p>

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July 22-45

Reveille at 02:45,
 No hops, gunnery practice.
 Took on a new captain,
 Goodwin, as relief for an-
 present captain Bernoble.
 Flew aboard, T.B.M.

July 23-45

Reveille at 02:45 - 1 C.F.1?
 hops - slowly cruising toward
 Jap mainland!

July 24-45

Hit Japs harbors and airfields
 Our air group shot down
 3 Franks and 1 Jedy-tark
 group also ganged up and
 bombed and rocketed ships.

C.V.⁵ C.V.E. destroying B.E.
 cruisers, transports and everything
 in general - Big day
 My gun broke tomorrow.
 My plane carrier crashed
 in morning but flew in
 afternoon anyway. ^{Spent from ship}
 is the pilot of my
 plane

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<p>July 25-45 - Reallie 03.00 - striking harbor area with 2000lb, 1000lb, 500lb bombs in morning, afternoon strike cancelled, weather. Various Jap aircraft in vicinity during day. Col. H. P. ³ shut down three Graces tonight, 1 Myrt ^{by British tank force} and also others. Small night out with bombers moon that we don't like. Several of our planes shot up bad yesterday and today. T.B.M. hit the drink yesterday pilot and crew saved 2 fighters down today and possibly another.</p>					
<p>July 26-45 - Fuelled ship, took on ammo bombs etc. belly tanks that I helped set up, 5 new plane replacements.</p>					
<p>July 27-45 - Drummy practice and took on ammunition - 1. A. F. P. pop.</p>					
<p>July 28-45 - Hit Kure again supposed to have sunk a B.B. Isoclass</p>					
Total time to date,					

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and the Cobra, a heavy cruiser
also hit several other warships.
A P.B.M. landed close to the harbor
and rescued 17 pilots and crewmen
who were shot down. Quite a
few planes were shot up. Rogers
a plane captain pulled the emergency
bomb release on his T.B.M. and dumped
4 500 lb bombs on the deck, scared
hell out of everybody. Bogeys on the
screen on and off all day.

July 29-45 Pulled out of strike area
and took it easy most of day - (hope)

C.H.P. - Sub. reported in area tonight.

July 30-45 Big raid on Kure again. as
our air group hit at an airfield
my plane with the shipper flying
got an ack ack burst in the wing
another plane got in the wing also
heavy seas and swells

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July 31 - 45					
Pulled away from strike area this morning after coast, BB and cruises scudded the beach - loading for fuel					
Aug 1 - 45					
Fueled ships also took on ammo and bombs - how heavy weather security as there is a typhoon in the vicinity, the ship is really rolling and pitching - been around typhoons all week - rugged deal. Tomorrow's strike is cancelled. Signed my liberty card today, indicating that we may head for the states - 5 new plane replacements, 2 TBM 3 F6K					
Aug 2 - 45					
Went around a typhoon last night and coming up behind it today - no strikes - gunnery practice and tow hops -					
Aug 3 - 45					
Not much doing - 1 F.S.P. hop and 3 tow planes for gunnery					
Total time to date,					

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Aug 4 - 45 Fleamyn's birth day, didn't even send a card, got something at Pearl gunnery practice, also simulated dive and torpedo attacks, good runs.

Heading east since 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Aug 5 - 45 Just cruising around, mostly east, around Iwo Jima this morning sighted Jap transport, escorts and hospital ships this afternoon - bombed all planes but did not take off practice bombs today.

Aug 6 - 45 Nice weather today, gunnery practice and 1 ship for the target towing planes and 1 C.F.P. - heading north tonight. Scuttlebutt has it that a B-13 and carrier were hit by shore batteries at Wake Island. Spectacular.

Aug 7 - 45 Going west toward Hokkaido gunnery practice today, fueled ships, heard over radio of a new bomb, atomic type, that they tried on Jap. most powerfully yet.

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Aug 8-45					
No. hopes today due to foggy weather Japs planes around all day - supposed to strike Hokkaido - maybe tomorrow - lot of talk about this new atomic bomb they ought to send us back to the states soon, I hope - 17 months so far and hasn't been to Pearl since last May 1st 1944 - biggest strike of carrier duty so far					
Aug 9-45					
Hit the north part of Honshu, destroyed a lot of planes on the ground estimated in the hundreds - splashed about 9 zekees, Judy's and Graces around the task force today - atomic bomb hits Yagasaki on northern Kyushu. try it again tomorrow I guess.					
Aug 10-45					
Great day for the San Jac air group - destroyed about 68 planes on the nearest count and guess that all together they got a couple hundred planes a well done by the task group commander supposed to have been our last strike then head for states but operation extended Total time to date, a couple of weeks					

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FMM 7c

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Aug 11-45	<p>Fuel ship, also a little chow and ammo. Frank Young woke me up last night and said that Japan would peace terms. Heavy weather security as there is a typhoon about 500 miles away. Well, we may hit the states after all.</p>				
Aug 12-45	<p>cruising close to Japan, expecting surrender. now 20:30 and no word yet, expect to bomb tomorrow morning. have 10 percent of crew rigged for occupational force, no one from air department. we are in typhoon area and may pass through one tonight. heavy security.</p>				
Aug 13-45	<p>Hit 5 airfields around Hiroshi burned 14, planes destroyed about half dozen more. Japs around us most of day seen splashed on our starboard side. splashed at least six after chow tonight, Gravings, Wicks, Myrds, Judy, Frank etc. may</p>				
Total time to date,			fuel tomorrow.		

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Aug 14-45 Fueled ship, took on chow as we were close to anchor it still isn't to good. Got the word that we are entitled to six combat stars and two Philippine Liberation stars. But the Japs have accepted our surrender terms but not official word yet, we are due to strike Japan again tomorrow. Haven't written home for 46 days now. Yella's birthday today. Belled several thousand rounds of 50 caliber ammo today, am sure tired tonight.

Aug 15-45 Sent a bombing strike out at 05:30 this morning, but were called back due to Japanese surrendering but our C.F.P. shot down six Japs and the Belcor Wood C.F.P. got five before they got the word. Had general quarters this afternoon and we shot down 4 Japs around the task groups - I guess they

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					<p> didn't believe in quitting. The war may be over in the states but it's still going on out here. It looks like we may go back to the states after all, were hoping. After all the war is over as far as organized resistance goes and everybody is happy. This is our 46 day at sea. This air group has 13 planes to its credit and about a hundred on the ground, also hits on various B.D. cruises B.D. etc. My brother is celebrating by opening a can of sardines, in fact the captain's sardines that were swiped. They is getting the bread if he can talk fast enough, I'll furnish the can opener and Johnny the appetite. </p>

Total time to date,

PASSENGERS

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Aug 16-45 Not much flying today, town keep quarters for meetings and presentation of awards - squadron all packed and ready to leave any time - occupation force from ship ready to leave, movies tonight.

Aug 17-45 Not much doing - all task groups drew in close, quite a few cons, cruisers, B.B.^s and about 17 carriers, a lot of ships. 1 town keep of 3 planes -

Aug 18-45 Fuelled ship this morning. gunnery practice at down planes. plane handlers firing the H.H. guns in place of gunnery crew who are going ashore at Japan.

Aug 19-45 50th day at sea - Marine gunners left on occupational duty on Japan - took on mail first time in 5 weeks.

Aug 20-45 Took on ammunition and bombs - ~~got~~ got Lt Gendert address of Tadi. Spent evening in morning

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Aug 21-45					
- Air group 49 left for Batavia in exchange for P.O. 47 typhoon in area - heavy security on ship, and planes. Good day all S. 11/9. F. 14.					
Aug 22-45					
- All planes in task group flew today in search of strength New air group seems friendly just found out Bill McIliffe on board - knew him at Jowers					
Aug 23-45					
Just laid around played ball for a while, can't take it no wind. Captain Herrell being relieved tomorrow we have to stick around, don't know how long chase has been on and don't know when we will get any.					
Aug 24-45					
- This is our 55 th day out. Capt. Herrell left today. Captains ins- pection this morning, a fast one					
Total time to date,					

PASSENGERS

REMARKS

Captain Goodwin now in command.
our 3rd captain and 4th squadron.
Played miniature softball for an
1 1/2 hours - the most exercise I've had
for 16 months, he stuff tomorrow.

Aug 25-45 Had a 28 plane C.F.P. over
Japan to look the situation over
nice weather around here - northern
Japan - same thing tomorrow.

Aug 26-45 57th day out - sent out 40
fighter planes on C.F.P. over Japan, also
4 torpedo planes with supplies for the
prisoners of war but could not
drop them on account of foggy weather.
one fighter plane of ours went into
the water and exploded and burned but
the pilot who is the squadron
commander got out. Ok. There are a
couple of typhoons around us that
will delay the occupation forces for
a couple of days. The weather and

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<p>seas are getting pretty rough. What a life, if you're not fighting Japs you're the weather and seas to keep afloat. We are practically out of chow and starting tomorrow we eat two meals a day and as we get up at 3 or 3:30 and go to bed at 8 or 9 it's a long day. The war may be over in the states but we can't see it out here.</p> <p>— Aug 27 - 45 - Had one heap of 16 fighters and 8 TBM who flew over the P.O.W. camps in Japan and dropped welfare packages for the inmates - they were glad to see our flyers. Our planes made a twilight landing with a rolling sea and one hit the barriers.</p> <p>We got the word today from the captain who said we should be in Fuisco by the 10th or 12th</p>					
Total time to date,					

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of next month. We really whooped it up and are already figuring on how to spend their leave or maybe get out of the Army.

Aug 28-45 Took on some passengers today while fueling ship, the more we take on the sooner we go back.

Aug 29-45 Our planes flew over the P.O.W. camps again today and dropped some more welfare bundles - the planes fly low over the camp and drop these bundles that weigh about 85 lbs and have small parachutes taken from planes. The pilots say the prisoners of war really go wild when they fly over. Sure like to take a hop.

Aug 30-45 Same as yesterday - we get up at 03:00 every morning and the planes take off at 04:30 and fly off and on all day - The Captain

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<p>passed the word tonight that we cease operations tomorrow afternoon when we are relieved by another carrier; we then cruise 500 miles south and take on replenishment the next day and then rendezvous that night and the following day we head for the states. all I can say, its about time.</p> <p>Aug 31-45 Plans changed - Fuel ship this morning, took on provisions, some passengers - no hops -</p> <p>+ Sept 1-45 - 62nd day at sea - no hops, although we were standing by for one - removed all towing gear to another ship - starting south tonight to rendezvous with other fleet and take on passengers.</p> <p>+ Sept 2-45 - Picked up the other fleet this morning including the Essex</p>					
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Essex, Massachusetts, San Juan and others that are going to states, took off our supply of aviation gas and took on passengers, also our Marine detachment that occupied Apurukha Naval Base on Tokio Bay. They had some interesting stories to tell.

+ Sept 3 - 45 our torpedo plane has as we head for states - Its cabin here we come from now on.

Some of the boys have the required 44 points for discharge and are they happy. I've got 37 now and if I was married I'd be out also. Won't 4 in poker game

Sept 4 - 45 Had 2 T.B.H. hope going north by north east. Got 3, poker.

Sept 4 Still heading N. N. E.

Sept 5

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Sept 6

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Sept 7	-				Crossed the International date line at 11.15 this morning now cruising on standard time - It was Friday yesterday and its Friday today - heading E. N. E. - weather about 40° sea kind of rolling - no flying the last few days.
Sept 8-45	✓				Still on course - E N E - 60
Sept 9-45					Same as yesterday - E N E - 60 weather cold about 40° Fahr.
Sept 10					changed course about 06.30 to E 90° - raining and cold.
Sept 11-45					- about 30 men transferring over to Esch as it will anchor in Puget Sound and will make it easier for them men to get home We are going to Esisco? - today is over 74 th day at sea
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Sept 12-45

Sept 13-45

Sept 14-45
1945

Still going over the hill
same as yesterday, getting warmer
Well, we hit the end of
the trail at 11.30 this morning
17 months to the day since
we left San Diego in 44.
Got first liberty and got
to feeling pretty good.
155,000 miles
End.

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